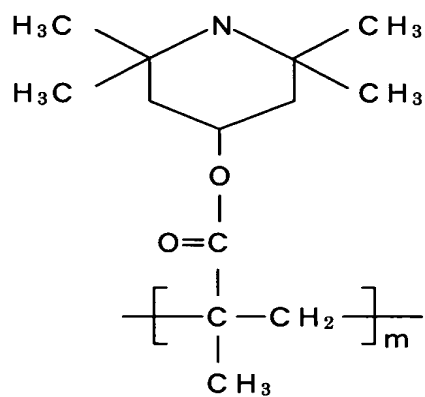


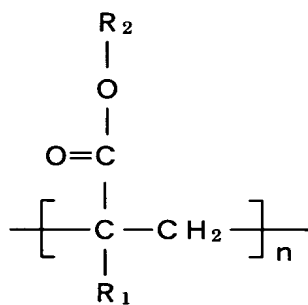
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A ballpoint-pen ink composition comprising at least a colorant, an organic solvent as a main solvent whose vapor pressure is about 665 to 6650Pa (5.0 to 50 mmHg) (20°C) and a shear-viscosity reducing agent.
2. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 1 wherein said organic solvent is one or more solvents selected from alcohols, glycol ethers and hydrocarbons.
3. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 2 wherein said organic solvent is selected from n-propyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol and propylene glycol monomethyl ether.
4. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 1 wherein the ink viscosity at the shear speed of 3.84S^{-1} is not less than about 10 mPa·s(20°C) and the shear-viscosity reduction index is about 0.3 to 0.99. .
5. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 4 wherein the shear-viscosity reduction index is about 0.5 to 0.99.
6. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 1 wherein said shear-viscosity reducing agent is selected from non crosslinked acrylic copolymers of consisting essentially of polymeric chain units represented by Formula (1) and by Formula (2) respectively:

(Formula 1)



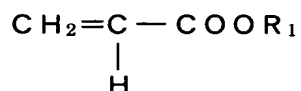
(Formula 2)



[wherein R₁ is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, R₂ is an alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and m and n represent polymerization degrees of thousands to hundred thousands].

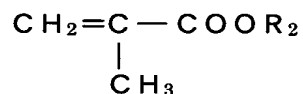
7. A ballpoint-pen ink composition according to Claim 1 wherein said shear-viscosity reducing agent is selected from non-crosslinked acrylic copolymers of acrylic acid or methacrylic acid with acrylates represented by Formula (3) or methacrylates represented by Formula (4):

(Formula 3)



[wherein R_1 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms]

(Formula 4)



[wherein R_2 is an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms].